



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

January 22, 2007

The Honorable Mike Johanns
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
14th Street & Independence, Southwest
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Secretary,

This is to request that you designate Yolo County in the State of California, a disaster area due to extreme low temperatures and freezing conditions that began January 8, 2007. Though additional time is needed to realize the full effect of the freezing temperatures, current estimates are reflecting more than a 65 percent loss in citrus crops.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) requested that the county agricultural commissioner submit a *California County Agricultural Commissioner Disaster Report*, which is enclosed for your review. Preliminary damage/loss estimates exceed \$253,000. This damage will be devastating to affected producers, farm-related businesses and the general economy of the county. If you have any questions or need additional information, your staff may contact OES Director Henry Renteria at (916) 845-8510.

Thank you for your favorable and immediate consideration of this request on behalf of California's farmers and ranchers in dire need of USDA disaster assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arnold Schwarzenegger'.

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Enclosure



County of Yolo

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Rick Landon
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January 18, 2007

Henry R. Renteria, Director
Governor's Office of Emergency Services
3650 Schriever Avenue
Mather, California 95655

Director Renteria,

From January 8, 2007 through January 16, 2007 Yolo County experienced a freeze event, which caused severe damage to our citrus crop. Attached is the California County Agricultural Commissioner Disaster Report. Please forward to the Governor with the request that he pursue a United States Department of Agriculture disaster designation. Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Rick Landon
Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner

13. Total Farms in County:

(Use most recent U.S. Farm Census number.)

Number

15

14. Farms with Production Losses of:

Number

100%

5

90 to 99%

80 to 89%

1

70 to 79%

1

60 to 69%

1

50 to 59%

3

40 to 49%

1

30 to 39%

1

20 to 29%

Less than 20%

2

15. Livestock and Poultry Losses of:

Number
Destroyed/Damaged3-Year Avg. Price
(From Annual Crop Report)

Dollar Loss

Cattle (Excluding milk cows)

Milk Cows

Milk Production

Sheep

Hogs

Poultry

Aquaculture

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Other

16. Farms with Physical Losses of:

Number

Major

Minor

17. Farm Facilities Damaged:

Number

Dollar Loss

Destroyed

Major

Minor

Dwellings & Service Buildings

Structures

Machinery & Equipment

Land Damages (Acres)

Other

Remarks: